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Dear Susan,

Thanks for the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Highway 101 Gap Closure in San Rafael. Unfortunately, I did not see any reference to new or improved bikeways in this document, as discussed previously by Caltrans staff with our Bikeways Committee.

As you are aware, bicycles represent a viable alternative to the automobile. In a project of such scope as the Highway 101 Gap Closure, development of suitable bicycle routes and pathways must be included as a mitigation measure.

We look forward to seeing consideration of bicycles in the final EIR for this project.

Very truly yours,

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